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Bringing the County Closer to You!

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May 9, 2014

UCAB' Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, May 12   7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board's (UCAB) Quality of Life Committee has invited Emil Wolanin, Chief of Traffic Engineering, Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation as their guest. Mr. Wolanin will discuss what the county is doing to help mitigate traffic issues and possible future initiatives.
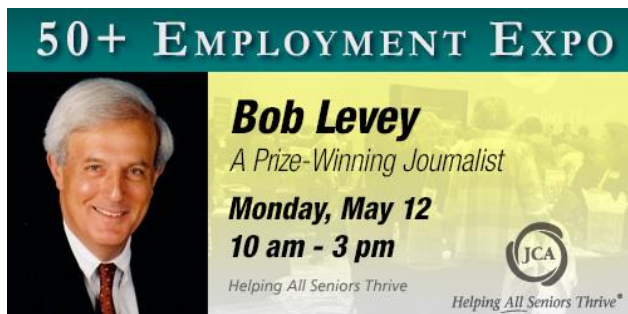
UCAB General Meeting
Monday, May 19 7:00pm
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The Board has invited legislators from our State delegation who represent the Upcounty region (District 14, 15, 17 and 39).

In addition, Montgomery College's planners will present plans for a renovation of the Science and Applied Studies Building on their Germantown Campus. The campus is undergoing major changes and this project will help to meet the increasing enrollment.

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50+ EMPLOYMENT EXPO

Bob Levey
A Prize-Winning Journalist

Monday, May 12
10 am - 3 pm

Helping All Seniors Thrive

Annual 50+ Job Expo for Senior Adults

Monday, May 12   10:00am – 3:00pm
Marriott Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814
(across from the White Flint Red Line Metro)

Join other senior adults who are looking to Retool, Recharge, Reinvent! Meet recruiters from dozens of employers, including nonprofits, government, healthcare, retail, technology and others! Attend seminars, visit the Internet Café, meet with resume reviewers, learn about community resources and attend the keynote address by Bob Levey, prize winning journalist. No pre-registration is required. **Registration and parking are FREE!!!**

A Service of the Jewish Council for the Aging made possible through a grant from Montgomery County.

Did you know?

Maryland now features FREE 511 traveler information! Call 511 or 1-855-GOMD511 or visit www.md511.org for current travel information. Sign up to personalize travel route information through MY511 on the State's website. Remember to use 511 safely - Maryland law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use and texting while driving!

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Update on Eight County Road Maintenance Projects

Several **new road maintenance projects** by the Division of Highway Services have begun or will soon begin in local subdivisions. The warmer spring temperatures are allowing Highway Services to begin patching and paving roadway work throughout the county.

Paving projects, in which crews will resurface the local streets with hot mix asphalt:

* *Briars Acres* subdivision in Gaithersburg East will be resurfaced starting in late April. The project should be completed within approximately four to six weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

* *Chapel Road* in Gaithersburg West will be resurfaced starting in early April. The project should be completed within approximately four to six weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

* *Ganley Road* in the Poolesville service area will be resurfaced starting in early April. The project should be completed within approximately four to six weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

* *Greentree Road* between Old Georgetown Road and Fernwood Road in Bethesda will be resurfaced starting in May. The project should be completed within approximately six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. Final resurfacing of the roadway will take place Monday through Friday between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. This activity will take about ten nights to complete. This particular project will be handled by MCDOT's Division of Transportation Engineering.

* *Gunners Lake* and *Gunners Views* subdivisions in Gaithersburg West will be resurfaced starting in late April. The project should be completed within approximately four to six weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

* *Silver Brook Drive* in Gaithersburg West will be resurfaced starting in early April. The project should be completed within approximately four to six weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

* *Talley Lane* and *Talley Court* in Gaithersburg West will be resurfaced starting in mid April. The project should be completed within approximately four to six weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Clarification: Work on Quince Orchard Road should begin around May 13 and end around June 23, 2014.

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Montgomery County's Summer Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs Now Available

The summer issue of the Montgomery County Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs is now available. Registration for summer classes opens on Monday, May 12 and for swim lessons on May 14. To view the guide online, or to sign up for a subscription, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec.

For more information, call 240-777-6840. ***See the Press release at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13687***

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Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs Invites Public Comments

A draft copy of the **Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan for FY2015** is available for public review by appointment at the County's Upcounty Regional Office. To schedule an appointment, please call 240-777-8040 or email catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.   If you would like a hard copy, or if you have questions, please call the DHCA at 240-777-3631.

Public comment is accepted at any time, but should any citizen wish to have their comments included in the final copy that is sent to HUD, he/she must provide a written statement by 4:00pm on May 13, 2014, addressed to:

Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.
Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs
100 Maryland Avenue, 4th floor
Rockville MD 20850
Phone: 311
TDD: 240-773-3556

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2014 Farmers Markets Are Open!
Buy local and get good nutrition at the same time!

From now through the end of October, Montgomery County's farmers' markets will offer customers fresh, healthful produce and artisanal products at 25 different locations across the County.

To locate a nearby County farmers' market or see which nutrition programs they accept, visit: http://www.choosemontgomerymd.com/programs-incentives/agricultural-preservation/farmers-markets/.

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Free Workshop on Volunteering for Residents 50+ Years of Age to be Held at Germantown Library

A free one-hour workshop, "50+: Vital Living Through Volunteering," will be presented at the Germantown Library on Tuesday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by a question-and-answer session. The library is located at 19840 Century Blvd.
For more information, visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13681

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AARP Smart Driver Course to be Offered at Germantown Library
Thursday, May 22 1:00pm – 5:30pm
Germantown Library
19840 Century Boulevard, Germantown

A four-and-a-half hour AARP Smart Driver course will be presented and participants will have an opportunity to tune up driving skills, learn safe driving strategies and update knowledge of the rules of the road. The instructor will provide information about normal age-related physical changes and how to adjust driving to allow for these changes. After completing the class, students will receive a certificate. Some insurance companies operating in Maryland consider drivers who take the course qualified for reduced or discounted premiums.

Space is limited and registration is required. To register online, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library. Go to Branches, then Calendar of Events.

Class registration is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Fees will be collected at the class. AARP members should bring their membership card and each student should bring a check payable to AARP and a pen to class.

The library's meeting room is equipped with an audio induction loop system for people who use hearing aid amplification with a telecoil switch or cochlear implants. A limited number of receivers are available for individuals who do not use amplification devices.

To request a sign language interpreter or other deaf/hard of hearing services for library-sponsored programs, email MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov, preferably with at least three business days notice.

To request other accommodations, for more information about the meeting room or to receive assistance from staff to register, call the library at 240-777-0110.

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Montgomery County Resource Recovery Facility Receives Excellence Award from US EPA; *Use of Specific Technology Reduces Emissions by Half*
http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13547

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County's Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity Releases Annual Report 2013

The Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity was established in 2001 help make Montgomery County a thriving multicultural community where every resident feels welcomed, participates civically, and contributes positively to the economy. The mission of the program is to be Montgomery County Government's "welcome center" where the County's diverse population can be connected to public and private services, volunteering, civic engagement, cross cultural activities, and economic empowerment.

This year's report highlights a new program, the **Job Search Workshop,** where non-native English-speaking residents can participate in a job search skill development program. The Center also focused on **quality improvement of the ESOL classes** through volunteer instructor training and introducing student-centered learning with the guidance of the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL).

Here is the link to the full report that I hope you will find informative. I will also send you a hard copy via inter-department mail. In addition, here is the link to the FY14 Mid-year Progress Report, in which progress monitored in the first half of the fiscal year is described and compared with results from previous years.

For more about the Gilchrist Center, visit http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/index.html

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Election Judges Needed for 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election judges at polling places for the Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held on June 24, 2014.

To get more information and to apply online, **visit** www.777vote.org**. and select the Election Judges' link**. For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE (8683), visit www.777vote.org or the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at http://elections.state.md.us, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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Storm and Hurricane Season Arrives – Don't Forget to Protect Your Pet!

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated Thursday, May 8 as National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day. Montgomery County residents are reminded that personal and family emergency plans should also include a plan for animals, including horses and farm animals.

The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) has produced "Are You Ready?" emergency preparedness brochures that provide guidelines for emergency planning. Information about pet preparedness can be found in the "Are You Ready – Pet Preparedness" brochure available in the resource section at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OEMHS. The brochure highlights three important steps: Making a Plan for your Pet, Making a Pet Go-Kit, and Updating your Pet's Identification.

See press release at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13680

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*County Council h*ttp://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp
Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:
Department of Public Libraries http://www6.montgomery countymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp
Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html
Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp
Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/111721543 1562.html
Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html